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Progress made on the implementation of the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan 2016/17

Meeting:	Standards and Audit Committee
Date:	7 February 2018
Cabinet portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Governance
Report by:	Internal Audit Consortium Manager

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1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide members with an update in respect of the progress made towards implementing the 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 Report details

- 3.1 Each year the Council reviews the governance arrangements it has in place, including a review of the Code of Corporate Governance.
- 3.2 Following this review, an Annual Governance Statement for the Council is produced as required by the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015.
- 3.3 Part of the review entails formulating an action plan to address any areas of concern that have been identified.

- 3.4 In May 2017 this Committee approved the Annual Governance Statement and Action Plan and agreed that progress on the action plan would be monitored by the Corporate Management Team (CMT)
- 3.5 CMT has reviewed the progress made against the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan and a summary is shown at Appendix 1. Progress has been made however there is still work ongoing in respect of a number of the areas identified. There are 10 identified actions in total, of these 4 actions are on track for completion by the target date 1 action is no longer applicable, 3 actions are behind target (Non housing property repairs, health and safety and procurement) and 2 actions have revised time schedules (partnerships and public private partnership performance indicators).
- 3.6 The production of this report ensures that Members charged with governance are aware of the progress made in implementing the annual governance statement action plan. This therefore ensures that any outstanding internal control weaknesses are identified so that they can be acted upon in a timely manner.

4.0 Alternative options and reasons for rejection

- 4.1 This report is for information.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 That the report be noted.

6.0 Reasons for recommendation

- 6.1 To inform Members of the progress made in respect of implementing the 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan so that further action can be identified if this is not satisfactory.

Decision information

Key decision number	N/A
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Wards affected	All
Links to Council Plan priorities	This report links to the Council's priority to provide value for money services.

Document information

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Background documents	
These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
Appendices to the report	
Appendix A	Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 Action plan- Progress at the end of December 2017.